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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-12,14,15 and 17-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-12,14,15 and 17-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. In response to communications files on 27-July-2005, claims 3, 13, and 16 are cancelled and claims 1, 12, 31, and 35-36 are amended per applicant's request. Therefore, claims 1-2, 4-12, 14-15, and 17-36 are presently pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-2, 4-12, 14-15, 17-21, 23-27, 31-33, and 35-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Lumera et al. (U.S. publication 2004/0083377) in view of Fenton et al. (U.S. publication 2002/0194,195).

As to claim 1, Lumera et al. teaches a content management system for media publishing (see figure 3 and paragraph 2), comprising:

a plurality of content management tools for managing media contents during a publication process (see figure 4 and paragraph 10); and

a publishing pipeline configured to operate in concert with the plurality of content management tools during the publication process to control development, distribution, and access of the media contents (see paragraphs 24 and 32), and

wherein the publishing pipeline provides a plurality of environments for staged and organized development and publication of the media contents (see paragraphs 5 and 32).

Lumera et al does not teach a producer configured to generate and edit templates of media items and associated data when the plurality of environments is in a development/production environment; and

wherein each template of the templates includes a number of media slots, and each media slot defines a genre of media and a specific target format that can be accepted by the each media slot.

Fenton et al. teaches media content creating and publishing system and process (see abstract), in which he teaches a publishing pipeline configured to operate in concert with the plurality of content management tools during the publication process to control development, distribution, and access of the media contents (see abstract and paragraphs 3 and 43); and

wherein each template of the templates includes a number of media slots, and each media slot defines a genre of media and a specific target format that can be accepted by the each media slot (see figure 3; claim 9; and paragraphs 49, 89, 114, 128-134).

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Lumera et al. by the teaching of Fenton et al., because a publishing pipeline configured to operate in concert with the plurality of content management tools during the publication process to control development, distribution, and access of the media contents; and

wherein each template of the templates includes a number of media slots, and each media slot defines a genre of media and a specific target format that can be accepted by the each media slot, would enable the management system because, “In one embodiment, template preview area 1704 comprises numbered “slots” that represent areas on the user showcase page that the user may populate with, for example, promote links or text links to media content. The number of slots available may be dependent on the template selected by the user on manage user showcase page 1600. The slots may initially be blank. The user may click or otherwise select one of the numbered slots as the desired location for a piece of content”, (see Fenton et al., paragraph 129).

As to claim 2, Lumera et al. as modified teaches wherein the plurality of environments includes a development/production environment (see Lumera et al., paragraph 32).

As to claim 4, Lumera et al. as modified teaches wherein the plurality of environments includes a staging environment (see Lumera et al., paragraphs 5 and 6).

As to claim 5, Lumera et al. as modified teaches wherein the plurality of environments includes a live environment (see Lumera et al., paragraphs 4, 25, and 26).

As to claim 6, Lumera et al. as modified teaches wherein the publishing pipeline includes a plurality of producers configured to push new media content through the publishing pipeline onto the live environment (see Lumera et al., paragraphs 4, 23, and 24).

As to claim 7, Lumera et al. as modified teaches wherein the plurality of content management tools allows each producer to manage taxonomies and editorial content of various types of websites (see Lumera et al., paragraph 6).

As to claim 8, Lumera et al. as modified teaches wherein the content management system is a system resident on a client computer (see Lumera et al., paragraph 26).

As to claim 9, Lumera et al. as modified teaches wherein the content management system includes a .net based application (see Lumera et al., paragraph 24).

As to claim 10, Lumera et al. as modified teaches wherein the plurality of content management tools includes taxonomies to define an overall dynamic site content structure of the content management system (see Lumera et al., paragraphs 13 and 24).

As to claim 11, Lumera et al. as modified teaches wherein the plurality of content management tools includes a create-once-render-everywhere (CORE) user interface manager to support building, editing, and publishing a media project including media contents (see Lumera et al., figure 1 and paragraphs 15 and 24).

As to claim 12, Lumera et al. teaches a method of managing media contents and data (see figure 3 and paragraph 2), comprising:

providing a plurality of content management tools (see figure 4 and paragraph 10); and

configuring a publishing pipeline to operate in concert with the plurality of content management tools during a publication process to control development, distribution, and access of the media contents and data (see paragraphs 24 and 32), and

wherein the configuring a publishing pipeline provides a plurality of environments for staged and organized development and publication of the media contents and data (see paragraphs 5 and 32).

Lumera et al. does not teach generating and editing templates of media items and associated data when the plurality of environments is in a development/production environment; and

wherein each template of the templates includes a number of media slots, and each media slot defines a genre of media and a specific target format that can be accepted by the each media slot.

Fenton et al. teaches media content creating and publishing system and process (see abstract), in which he teaches generating and editing templates of media items and associated data when the plurality of environments is in a development/production environment (see abstract and paragraphs 3 and 43); and

wherein each template of the templates includes a number of media slots, and each media slot defines a genre of media and a specific target format that can be accepted by the each media slot (figure 3; claim 9; and paragraphs 49, 89, 114, 128-134).

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time

the invention was made to have modified Lumera et al. by the teaching of Fenton et al., because generating and editing templates of media items and associated data when the plurality of environments is in a development/production environment; and

wherein each template of the templates includes a number of media slots, and each media slot defines a genre of media and a specific target format that can be accepted by the each media slot, would enable the management system because, “In one embodiment, template preview area 1704 comprises numbered “slots” that represent areas on the user showcase page that the user may populate with, for example, promote links or text links to media content. The number of slots available may be dependent on the template selected by the user on manage user showcase page 1600. The slots may initially be blank. The user may click or otherwise select one of the numbered slots as the desired location for a piece of content”, (see Fenton et al., paragraph 129).

As to claim 14, Lumera et al. as modified teaches wherein the plurality of environments includes a development/production environment, a staging environment, and a live environment (see Lumera et al. paragraphs 4-6, 25-26, and 32).

As to claim 15, Lumera et al. as modified teaches the method further comprising:

maintaining a separate storage for each environment (see Lumera et al. paragraphs 6 and 8).

As to claim 17, Lumera et al. as modified teaches the method further comprising:

migrating the templates of media contents and associated data to the staging environment (see Lumera et al. paragraph 24).

As to claim 18, Lumera et al. as modified teaches the method further comprising:

testing and reviewing the templates of media contents and associated data in the staging environment (see Lumera et al. paragraphs 24 and 32).

As to claim 19, Lumera et al. as modified teaches the method further comprising:

migrating the tested and reviewed templates of media contents and associated data to the live environment (see Lumera et al. paragraph 13).

As to claim 20, Lumera et al. as modified teaches the method further comprising:

enabling users to access the templates of media contents and associated data in the live environment for member publishing (see Lumera et al. paragraph 24).

As to claim 21, Lumera et al. as modified teaches the method further comprising:

allowing producers to import new media contents and associated data into a table in the live environment (see Lumera et al. paragraphs 4 and 23-26).

As to claim 23, Lumera et al. as modified teaches wherein the configuring a publishing pipeline includes providing a developing/production environment (see Lumera et al. paragraph 32).

As to claim 24, Lumera et al. as modified teaches wherein the configuring a publishing pipeline includes providing a staging environment (see Lumera et al. paragraphs 5 and 6).

As to claim 25, Lumera et al. as modified teaches wherein the configuring a publishing pipeline includes providing a live environment (see Lumera et al. claim 5).

As to claim 26, Lumera et al. as modified teaches wherein the configuring a publishing pipeline includes pushing new media content through the publishing pipeline onto the live environment (see Lumera et al. paragraphs 23-24).

As to claim 27, Lumera et al. as modified teaches wherein the providing a plurality of content management tools includes managing taxonomies and editorial content of various types of websites (see Lumera et al. paragraph 6).

As to claim 31, Lumera et al. teaches a computer program, stored in a tangible storage medium, for use in managing media contents (see figure 4 and paragraph 37), the program comprising executable instructions that cause a computer to:

provide a plurality of content management tools (see figure 4 and paragraph 10);

configure a publishing pipeline to operate in concert with the plurality of content management tools during publication process to control access and distribution of the media contents (see paragraphs 24 and 32), and

wherein the publishing pipeline provides a plurality of environments for staged and organized development and publication of the media contents (see paragraphs 5 and 32).

Lumera et al. does not teach generating and editing templates of media items and associated data when the plurality of environments is in a development/production environment; and

wherein each template of the templates includes a number of media slots, and each media slot defines a genre of media and a specific target format that can be accepted by the each media slot.

Fenton et al. teaches media content creating and publishing system and process (see abstract), in which he teaches generating and editing templates of media items and associated data when the plurality of environments is in a development/production environment (see abstract and paragraphs 3 and 43); and

wherein each template of the templates includes a number of media slots, and each media slot defines a genre of media and a specific target format that can be accepted by the each media slot (figure 3; claim 9; and paragraphs 49, 89, 114, 128-134).

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time

the invention was made to have modified Lumera et al. by the teaching of Fenton et al., because generating and editing templates of media items and associated data when the plurality of environments is in a development/production environment; and

wherein each template of the templates includes a number of media slots, and each media slot defines a genre of media and a specific target format that can be accepted by the each media slot, would enable the management system because, "In one embodiment, template preview area 1704 comprises numbered "slots" that represent areas on the user showcase page that the user may populate with, for example, promote links or text links to media content. The number of slots available may be dependent on the template selected by the user on manage user showcase page 1600. The slots may

initially be blank. The user may click or otherwise select one of the numbered slots as the desired location for a piece of content”, (see Fenton et al., paragraph 129).

As to claim 32, Lumera et al. as modified teaches wherein the configuring a publishing pipeline includes pushing new media content through the publishing pipeline onto the live environment (see Lumera et al. paragraphs 23-24).

As to claim 33, Lumera et al. as modified teaches wherein the providing a plurality of content management tools includes managing taxonomies and editorial content of various types of websites (see Lumera et al. paragraph 6).

As to claim 35, Lumera et al. teaches a content management system for media publishing (see figure 3 and paragraph 2) comprising:

a content management means for managing media contents during a publication process (see figure 4 and paragraph 10);

a pipeline means for operating in concert with the content management means during the publication process to control access and distribution of the media contents (see paragraphs 24 and 32), and

wherein the pipeline means provides a plurality of environments for staged and organized development and publication of the media contents (see paragraphs 5 and 32).

Lumera et al. does not teach a producing means for generating and editing templates of media items and associated data when the plurality of environments is in a development/production environment; and

wherein each template of the templates includes a number of media slots, and each media slot defines a genre of media and a specific target format that can be accepted by the each media slot.

Fenton et al. teaches media content creating and publishing system and process (see abstract), in which he teaches a producing means for generating and editing templates of media items and associated data when the plurality of environments is in a development/production environment (see abstract and paragraphs 3 and 43); and

wherein each template of the templates includes a number of media slots, and each media slot defines a genre of media and a specific target format that can be accepted by the each media slot (figure 3; claim 9; and paragraphs 49, 89, 114, 128-134).

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time

the invention was made to have modified Lumera et al. by the teaching of Fenton et al., because a producing means for generating and editing templates of media items and associated data when the plurality of environments is in a development/production environment; and

wherein each template of the templates includes a number of media slots, and each media slot defines a genre of media and a specific target format that can be accepted by the each media slot, would enable the management system because, "In one embodiment, template preview area 1704 comprises numbered "slots" that represent areas on the user showcase page that the user may populate with, for example, promote links or text links to media content. The number of slots available may be dependent on the template selected by the user on manage user showcase page 1600. The slots may initially be blank. The user may click or otherwise select one of the numbered slots as the desired location for a piece of content", (see Fenton et al., paragraph 129).

As to claim 36, Lumera et al. teaches a content management system for media publishing (see figure 3 and paragraph 2), comprising:

a content management means for managing media contents during a publication process (see figure 4 and paragraph 10);

a pipeline means for operating in concert with the content management means during the publication process to control development, distribution, and access of the media contents (see paragraphs 24 and 32), and

wherein the pipeline means provides a plurality of environments for staged and

organized development and publication of the media contents (see paragraphs 5 and 32).

Lumera et al. does not teach producing means for generating and editing templates of media items and associated data when the plurality of environments is in a development/production environment; and

wherein each template of the templates includes a number of media slots,
and

each media slot defines a genre of media and a specific target format that can be accepted by the each media slot.

Fenton et al. teaches media content creating and publishing system and process (see abstract), in which he teaches producing means for generating and editing templates of media items and associated data when the plurality of environments is in a development/production environment (see abstract and paragraphs 3 and 43); and

wherein each template of the templates includes a number of media slots,
and each media slot defines a genre of media and a specific target format that can be accepted by the each media slot (figure 3; claim 9; and paragraphs 49, 89, 114, 128-134).

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time

the invention was made to have modified Lumera et al. by the teaching of Fenton et al., because producing means for generating and editing templates of media items and associated data when the plurality of environments is in a development/production environment; and

wherein each template of the templates includes a number of media slots, and each media slot defines a genre of media and a specific target format that can be accepted by the each media slot, would enable the management system because, "In one embodiment, template preview area 1704 comprises numbered "slots" that represent areas on the user showcase page that the user may populate with, for example, promote links or text links to media content. The number of slots available may be dependent on the template selected by the user on manage user showcase page 1600. The slots may initially be blank. The user may click or otherwise select one of the numbered slots as the desired location for a piece of content", (see Fenton et al., paragraph 129).

4. Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lumera et al. (U.S. publication 2004/0093377) in view of Fenton et al. (U.S. publication 2002/ 0194,195) as applied to claims 1-2, 4-12, 14-15, 17-21, 23-27, 31-33, and 35-36 above, and further in view of Higgins (U.S. patent 5,270,922).

As to claim 22, Lumera et al. does not teach the method further comprising:

flagging the new media contents and associated data when the producer imports new media contents and associated data into the table.

Higgins teaches system for distributing, processing and displaying financial information (see abstract), in which he teaches the method further comprising:

flagging the new media contents and associated data when the producer imports new media contents and associated data into the table (see column 7, lines 29-45).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Lumera et al. to include the method further comprising:

flagging the new media contents and associated data when the producer imports new media contents and associated data into the table.

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Lumera et al. by the teaching of Higgins, because the method further comprising:

flagging the new media contents and associated data when the producer imports new media contents and associated data into the table, would enable the method to know when new data or information is added to the content of the table.

5. Claims 28-29 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lumera et al. (U.S. publication 2004/0093377) in view of Fenton et al. (U.S. publication 2002/ 0194,195) as applied to claims 1-2, 4-12, 14-15, 17-21, 23-27, 31-33, and 35-36 above, and further in view of Tabbara et al. (U.S. patent 6,460,043).

As to claims 28 and 34, Lumera et al. does not teach the method further comprising:

storing the taxonomies as a flat table of individual nodes that have parent links and associated data.

Tabbara et al. teaches method and apparatus for operating on data with a conceptual data manipulation language (see abstract), in which he teaches the method further comprising:

storing the taxonomies as a flat table of individual nodes that have parent links and associated data (see column 37, lines 48-55).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Lumera et al. to include the method further comprising:

storing the taxonomies as a flat table of individual nodes that have parent links and associated data.

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Lumera et al. by the teaching of Tabbara et al., because the method further comprising:

storing the taxonomies as a flat table of individual nodes that have parent links and associated data, would enable the method to have fast respond to the user when he/she make a request.

As to claim 29, Lumera et al. as modified teaches wherein the associated data includes a business name (see Tabbara et al., column 8, lines 16-26).

6. Claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lumera et al. (U.S. publication 2004/0093377) in view of Fenton et al. (U.S. publication 2002/ 0194,195) as applied to claims 1-2, 4-12, 14-15, 17-21, 23-27, 31-33, and 35-36 above, and further in view of Love et al (U.S. publication 2004/0215725).

As to claim 30, Lumera et al. does not wherein the taxonomies are configured in a tree structure.

Love et al. teaches system and method for multi-platform queue queries (see abstract), in which he teaches wherein the taxonomies are configured in a tree structure (see claim 15).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Lumera et al. to include wherein the taxonomies are configured in a tree structure.

It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Lumera et al. by the teaching of Love et al., because wherein the taxonomies are configured in a tree structure, would enable the method to have an easy display to the user.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Belix M. Ortiz whose telephone number is 571-272-4081. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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